

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CASC, CO, ASEC,  
SUBJECT: SAFETY OF AMERICANS IN COLOMBIA

REF: STATE 036601

WE PRESUME QUERIES ARE IN LARGE PART PROMPTED BY  
FEB 14. KIDNAPPING OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER. THIS TOOK  
PLACE IN REMOTE AREA NOT LIKELY TO BE  
FREQUENTED BY AVERAGE AMERICAN IN COLOMBIA.  
MOREOVER, THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THAT  
KIDNAPPING DONOT SUGGEST TO US THAT PRIVATE AMERICANS  
RESIDENT IN OR TRAVELLING IN COLOMBIA NOW FACE AN  
INCREASED RISK. HOWEVER, AS DEPT. IS AWARE, THERE  
HAS LONG BEEN A HIGH LEVEL OF CRIME IN COLOMBIA  
ESPECIALLY IN MAJOR CITIES. ALSO AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN  
RESIDENT ARE POTENTIAL KIDNAPPING TARGETS.  
THERE ARE ALSO POCKETS OF GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN REMOTE RURAL AREAS.  
AMERICANS ARRIVING IN COLOMBIA SHOULD BE AWARE OF  
THESE CONDITIONS AND SHOULD TAKE COMMON PRECAUTIONS  
AGAINST THEM. WE DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT  
SITUATION WARRANTS ANY USG WARNING TO AMERICANS NOT  
TO TRAVEL TO COLOMBIA. EMBASSY WILL BE HAPPY TO  
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BRIEF NEWLY ARRIVED AND/OR VISITING AMERICANS IN  
GREATER DETAIL IF DESIRED, FOCUSING ON SPECIFIC AREAS  
THEY PLAN TO BE IN.  
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## Message Attributes

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